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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A fusing device for an electrophotographic image forming apparatus, the device comprising:

- a fusing roller with an outer rubber roller;
- a heating pipe disposed in the center of the fusing roller, wherein both ends of the heating pipe are sealed;
 - a predetermined amount of a working fluid inside the heating pipe;
 - a heating element disposed on the outer surface of the heating pipe; and
- a pressing roller which closely adheres paper passing between the pressing roller and the fusing roller to the fusing roller.
- 2. The device of claim 1, wherein the rubber roller is of a predetermined thickness so as to form a fusing nip with the pressing roller, wherein the fusing nip is of a predetermined width.
 - 3. The device of claim 2, wherein the rubber roller is formed of silicon.
 - 4. The device of claim 2, wherein the thickness of the rubber roller is 1-3 mm.
 - 5. The device of claim 2, wherein the outer diameter of the fusing roller is 35-50 mm.
- 6. The device of claim 1, wherein the rubber roller and the heater are adhered together using a heat-resistant adhesive coated between the rubber roller and the heater.